

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2493

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 3, 1983

Application of LAWSON TRANSPORTA-)
TION CORPORATION for Special)
Authorization to Perform Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract —)
Close Up Foundation)

Case No. CP-83-14

By application filed October 11, 1983, Lawson Transportation Corporation (Lawson), seeks authorization to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with Close Up Foundation, transporting youth educational groups and their teachers between the Quality Inn-Pentagon City, Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel, Sheraton National Hotel and Quality Hotel Arlington, all located in Arlington, Virginia and Sheraton Inn Washington, located in Silver Spring, Md., and points in the Metropolitan District. */

Order No. 2487, served October 17, 1983, generally describes the evidence submitted with the application, and that order is incorporated by reference herein. The Commission required publication of notice and the filing of an affidavit of publication. Applicant complied with these requirements, and no protests to the application were received by the Commission within the time set therefor.

Commission Regulation No. 70 provides that an application of this type will be granted if it is determined that the applicant is fit, willing and able properly to perform the proposed service and to conform to the provisions of the Compact and the rules, regulations and orders of the Commission thereunder, and if it is determined that the proposed operations conform to the provisions of Regulation No. 70. The issue of whether the public convenience and necessity require such service has been determined in Case No. MP-79-04. See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.

*/ Transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia is not within this Commission's jurisdiction and shall not be considered a part of this application.


Inasmuch as the contract is for a fixed term of at least 181 days and provides for the transportation of students and teachers pursuant to a contract between an accredited private school and a carrier, the Commission finds that this application conforms to the requirements of Commission Regulation No. 70.

With respect to the matter of fitness, the carrier stated in its application that it was the subject of a proceeding before the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) regarding appropriate insurance coverage. The carrier was directed to file more information regarding this matter by Order No. 2487. By affidavit, the carrier stated that it was found to have violated a provision of the Code of Virginia and assessed a fine, and that it is in full compliance with all state and federal regulatory requirements. Applicant has a valid certificate of insurance on file with this Commission and is admonished that any lapse in insurance coverage will automatically result in the suspension of its operating authority and the commencement of an investigation to determine whether its authorization to provide service should be revoked.

Lawson Transportation Corporation is assigned WMATC Authorization No. 102, is directed to identify its vehicles in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 70-10 and is further directed to file an affidavit of compliance with that regulation within ten days from the date of service of this order. Upon the filing of the affidavit of compliance, an appropriate authorization will be issued.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director 